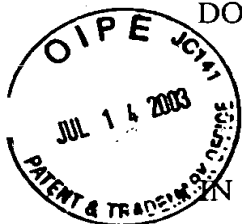


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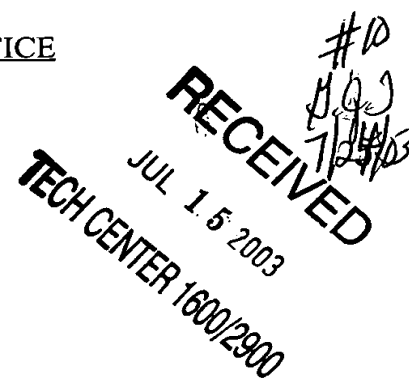
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FOR: HIV-SPECIFIC CTL INDUCING PEPTIDES AND MEDICAMENTS FOR
PREVENTING OR TREATING AIDS COMPRISING THE PEPTIDES



RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated June 13, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse,
Group XI, Claim 2 (drawn to a DNA molecule coding for the peptide, the peptides
comprising SEQ ID NO: 4), for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

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| Groups I-VII: | Claims 1 and 3, drawn to a peptide, the peptides comprising SEQ ID NO: 1-7 (wherein Group I corresponds to SEQ ID NO:1, Group II corresponds to SEQ ID NO:2, etc.); |
| Groups VIII-XIV: | Claim 2, drawn to a DNA molecule coding for the peptide, the peptides comprising SEQ ID NO: 1-7 (wherein Group VIII corresponds to SEQ ID NO:1, Group IX corresponds to SEQ ID NO:2, etc.). |

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